

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

providing a docking apparatus coupled to interface with a vehicle;

communicatively coupling a remote communications device to the docking apparatus, wherein the remote communications device does not include a telematics functionality module; and

the docking apparatus communicating with the remote communications device to include the telematics functionality module in a memory of the remote communications device, including: (i) the docking apparatus downloading the telematics functionality module into the memory of the remote communications device, or (ii) the docking apparatus supplying the remote communications device with a download location to download the telematics functionality module into the memory from the download location, wherein the telematics functionality module provides telematics functionality that is specific to the vehicle and that is based on vehicle-identification information that the docking apparatus associates to the remote communication device;

wherein the docking apparatus communicating with the remote communications device to include the telematics functionality module in the memory of the remote communications device, further includes: the docking apparatus querying the remote communications device regarding the presence of the telematics functionality module and determining that a telematics functionality module that is compatible with the vehicle is not present in the remote communications device.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the telematics functionality module comprises one or more telematics related applications including at least one of a personal telematics application, a security application, a hands-free application, and an air bag system notification application.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the docking apparatus is a car kit.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein communicatively coupling comprises communicatively coupling using at least one of a wireless link and a wireline link.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
the remote communications device detecting the docking apparatus; and
the docking apparatus and the remote communications device exchanging capability data.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the capability data comprises at least one of a software configuration, a hardware configuration, identification data and security data.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
the docking apparatus detecting the remote communications device; and
the docking apparatus and the remote communications device
exchanging capability data.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the capability data
comprises at least one of a software configuration, a hardware configuration,
identification data and security data.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the docking
apparatus downloading the telematics functionality module into the memory of
the remote communications device comprises the docking apparatus rewriting
at least a portion of the memory of the remote communications device to
include the telematics functionality module.

10-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
erasing the telematics functionality module from the memory of the
remote communications device when the remote communications device ceases
being communicatively coupled to the docking apparatus.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the docking apparatus supplying the remote communications device with a download location to download the telematics functionality module into the memory from the download location comprises:

the remote communications device downloading the telematics functionality module into the memory from the download location supplied by the docking apparatus.

15-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) A docking apparatus coupled to interface with a vehicle, the docking apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a computer-readable medium containing computer instructions for execution by the processor, the computer instructions comprising instructions (i) configured to communicatively couple a remote communications device to the docking apparatus, wherein the remote communications device does not include a telematics functionality module and (ii) configured to cause the docking apparatus to communicate with the remote communications device to include the telematics functionality module in a memory of the remote communications device, including: (i) the docking apparatus downloading the telematics functionality module into the memory of the remote communications device, or (ii) the docking apparatus supplying the remote communications

device with a download location to download the telematics functionality module into the memory from the download location, wherein the telematics functionality module provides telematics functionality that is specific to the vehicle and that is based on vehicle-identification information that the docking apparatus associates to the remote communication device;

wherein the instructions configured to cause the docking apparatus to communicate with the remote communications device to include the telematics functionality module in the memory of the remote communications device further comprise: instructions configured to cause the docking apparatus to query the remote communications device regarding the presence of the telematics functionality module and to determine that a telematics functionality module that is compatible with the vehicle is not present in the remote communications device.

27. (Previously presented) The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein the telematics functionality module comprises one or more telematics related applications including at least one of a personal telematics application, a security application, a hands-free application, and an air bag system notification application.

28. (Original) The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein the docking apparatus is a car kit.

29. (Previously presented) The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein communicatively coupling comprises communicatively coupling through at least one of a wireless link and a wireline link.

30. (Previously presented) The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein the computer instructions further comprise instructions for the docking apparatus exchanging capability data with the remote communications device when the remote communications device detects the docking apparatus.

31. (Original) The docking apparatus of claim 30, wherein the capability data comprises at least one of a software configuration, a hardware configuration, identification data and security data.

32. (Previously presented) The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein the computer instructions further comprise instructions for the docking apparatus detecting the remote communications device and for the docking apparatus exchanging capability data with the remote communications device.

33. (Original) The docking apparatus of claim 32, wherein the capability data comprises at least one of a software configuration, a hardware configuration, identification data and security data.

34. (Previously presented) The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein the instructions for the docking apparatus downloading the telematics functionality module into the memory of the remote communications device comprise instructions for the docking apparatus rewriting at least a portion of the memory of the remote communications device to include the telematics functionality module.

35-42. (Canceled).

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the telematics functionality that is specific to the vehicle includes at least one of: door unlocking, remote access, and remote start.

44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the hands-free application is specific to the vehicle.

45. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 44,~~ A method, comprising:
providing a docking apparatus coupled to interface with a vehicle;
communicatively coupling a remote communications device to the docking apparatus, wherein the remote communications device does not include a telematics functionality module; and

the docking apparatus communicating with the remote communications device to include the telematics functionality module in a memory of the remote communications device, including: (i) the docking apparatus downloading the telematics functionality module into the memory of the remote communications device, or (ii) the docking apparatus supplying the remote communications device with a download location to download the telematics functionality module into the memory from the download location, wherein the telematics functionality module provides telematics functionality that is specific to the vehicle and that is based on vehicle-identification information that the docking apparatus associates to the remote communication device;

wherein the telematics functionality module comprises one or more telematics related applications including at least one of a personal telematics application, a security application, a hands-free application, and an air bag system notification application;

wherein the hands-free application is specific to the vehicle; and

wherein the hands-free application uses a noise-cancellation application that is configured to cancel vehicle noise during hands-free operation, wherein the noise-cancellation application is specific to a noise signature of the vehicle.

46. (Canceled).

47. (Previously presented) The docking apparatus of claim 26, wherein the telematics functionality that is specific to the vehicle includes at least one of: door unlocking, remote access, and remote start.

48. (Previously presented) The docking apparatus of claim 27, wherein the hands-free application is specific to the vehicle.

49. (Currently amended) ~~The docking apparatus of claim 48, A~~
docking apparatus coupled to interface with a vehicle, the docking apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a computer-readable medium containing computer instructions for execution by the processor, the computer instructions comprising instructions (i) configured to communicatively couple a remote communications device to the docking apparatus, wherein the remote communications device does not include a telematics functionality module and (ii) configured to cause the docking apparatus to communicate with the remote communications device to include the telematics functionality module in a memory of the remote communications device, including: (i) the docking apparatus downloading the telematics functionality module into the memory of the remote communications device, or (ii) the docking apparatus supplying the remote communications device with a download location to download the telematics functionality module into the memory from the download location, wherein the telematics

functionality module provides telematics functionality that is specific to the vehicle and that is based on vehicle-identification information that the docking apparatus associates to the remote communication device;

wherein the telematics functionality module comprises one or more telematics related applications including at least one of a personal telematics application, a security application, a hands-free application, and an air bag system notification application;

wherein the hands-free application is specific to the vehicle; and

wherein the hands-free application uses a noise-cancellation application that is configured to cancel vehicle noise during hands-free operation, wherein the noise-cancellation application is specific to a noise signature of the vehicle.